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SUBJECT: TFGG01: GEORGIA TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. 30

CLASSIFIED BY: Thomas T. Jung, S/ES-O, REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

MOSCOW SENDS MIXED SIGNALS; SOUTH OSSETIA SEEKS RECOGNITION

1. (C) The timing for a Russian withdrawal and the size of its remaining peacekeeping force is unclear. (Moscow 2496)

2. (C) Separatist leader Kokoity told a rally in Tskhinvali he will ask the Kremlin to recognize South Ossetia's independence, according to media. Embassy Moscow notes the Russian parliament likely will not oppose. (Moscow 2491, Reuters)

3. (SBU) Finnish FM Stubb, now in Tbilisi, comments the overall situation is "improving, but not ideal," having witnessed Russian displacement of ethnic Georgians. (TF/EUR/FO e-mail)

RUSSIA SEEKS UNSC CONSULTATIONS, SUSPENDS NATO COOPERATION

4. (SBU) Russia will brief the UNSC on its withdrawal plans and peacekeeping presence. (TF/USUN e-mail)

5. (SBU) The Russian Ministry of Defense emphasized its move to cut ties with NATO applies only to the military sphere. (TF/USNATO e-mail)

¶6. (SBU) Russia said it seized U.S.-owned Humvees because they were used by Georgian special forces to conduct reconnaissance. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail)

¶7. (SBU) The Finnish mission to the OSCE expects two observers to arrive August 21, two more observers August 22, and U.S.-airlifted vehicles August 25. (TF/USOSCE e-mail)

FLOW OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE REPORTEDLY IMPROVING

¶8. (SBU) Embassy Tbilisi notes humanitarian convoys appear to be moving freely, despite encountering numerous Russian checkpoints. The UN Office of Humanitarian Affairs reports sustained humanitarian access to Gori and Kaspi. (TF/Embassy Tbilisi e-mail, TF/USAID e-mail)

¶9. (SBU) To date, 32 EUCOM flights delivered over 320 tons of commodities. (TF/USAID e-mail)

¶10. (SBU) Armenian FM Nalbandian complained to Embassy Yerevan Georgian authorities are preventing the shipment of Armenian fuel trucks from Batumi. Gasoline is in short supply in Yerevan. (TF/Embassy Yerevan e-mail)

¶11. (U) Minimize considered.
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